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## THE SURE-THING CHAMPION

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**Does Johnson's Retirement**  
From the Ring Mean That the "Yellow Streak" They Used to Say He Possessed Has Again Come to the Surface?

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**S**O Jack Johnson has retired without waiting for Labor Day. Jack took the easy way out. He didn't risk being whipped. Other champions have fought for their titles. Johnson deserts his without a struggle. Johnson's case isn't like that of any former champion. Sullivan, Corbett and Fitzsimmons all had courage to fight along until they met and lost to better men. Jeffries was forced to retire from the ring, much against his inclination at the time, because there wasn't another man in the world considered good enough to have even an outside chance with him.

Johnson is retiring when he is overwhelmed with offers of big purses to fight any one of several claimants of his belt—retiring because he fears defeat.

We can excuse it that the promoters won't offer him enough money—won't come to his price.

He has been offered \$50,000 for two bouts in Australia, against Sam Langford and Sam McVey.

He has been offered \$30,000 for meeting Joe Jeannette in a thirty-round bout in Paris.

He has been offered \$20,000 and the moving picture rights (probably worth as much more) to meet Jeannette in a ten-round decisionless bout in New York.

All of these offers are genuine. But Johnson has an excuse to offer for each refusal. He doesn't want to take the long trip to Australia. He can't afford to spend six weeks traveling and training to fight in Paris. He wants \$30,000 in cash for the New York ten-round bout.

Johnson hides behind these flimsy excuses and excessive demands. It's easier to avoid matches than to fight—and over so much safer. In the old days they used to say Johnson had a "yellow streak." If this statement was too strong, he at least has his full share of caution. He won't meet a real fighter if he can get out of it. For fighting Flynn in Las Vegas Johnson received just \$1000 in cash and \$100 for training expenses. That was supposed to be practically a draw fight. No doubt if offered more "soft money" for fighting men he had no fear of Johnson would reconsider his determination to retire. He wouldn't hold out for \$30,000 for ten decisionless rounds in that case.

Johnson's retirement isn't caused by any lack of fighting condition. McKeithen, Jeannette's manager, had dinner with Johnson in Chicago. "Why," exclaimed Mac afterward, "you ought to have seen that fellow eat. He ate five big plates of chicken, a lot of vegetables, several plates of bread, and a piece of pie and drank a lot of coffee. He enjoyed every bite of it. Nobody with an appetite like that can be much out of shape. He didn't look at all fat. When I asked him how it happened that he looked thick waisted in the Las Vegas photographs Johnson just laughed and said: 'Why, I wanted people to think I was fat, so every time I got in front of a camera I stuck my stomach out as far as I could.'

**A D WOLGAST** is another ring champion who doesn't seem very anxious to box. Ad does, however, meet the toughest men in the game when he is in the mood for it. But Ad always did dislike the notion of meeting Packey McFarland. Several proposed matches between the two have fallen through because of Wolgast's demands. But Ad says he's willing to box McFarland ten rounds, without a decision, at 3 o'clock, no championship title at stake—providing he receives \$2500 for his end of the purse.

Wol: A lightweight asking \$2000 for boxing ten rounds without a decision. Isn't that enough to make the old-timers turn over in their pugilistic graves? Imagine Frank Erne, Kid Lavigne, Joe Gans or any of the great old boys of ten or fifteen years ago holding out for \$2500 for boxing ten rounds without a decision—practically giving up exhibition!

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**FORT ERIE WINNERS.** FORT ERIE RACE TRACK, Ont., July 31.—First race—two-year-olds, selling; five and a half furlongs. Lawton, 1 to 1, 1st; Lattner, 11, (Martin) 4 to 1, 2 to 1, 2nd; Adolato, 100 (Mooney), 6 to 1, 1st; Latner, 11, (Martin) 4 to 1, 2 to 1, 10 to 9, second; Raposa, 203 (Schuttinger) 12 to 1, 6 to 1, and 1 to 2, third; Time, 108-25. Cordle F., Barkay, Worth, Lady Anna, Brude, Uncle Olio, Gordon Syrup also ran.

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**Woolly Boxes Draw in Sydney.** SYDNEY, C. B., July 31.—Mickey Malone, of Cape Breton and Johnny Connelly of Nova Scotia fought 10 rounds to a draw, though it looked as though Malone had a shade the better of the draw.



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WOLGAST'S MODEST IDEA OF HIS OWN VALUE PREVENTS HIS ASKING GIBSON FOR THE GARDEN

## SPORTING News And Notes Up To Date GOSSIP.

**T**HE players entered in the New York State lawn tennis championship tournament, which begins at 4 P. M. to-morrow with matches in the singles, have been ordered by Miles S. Charlock, chairman and referee, to be on hand at the Crescent A. C. at Bay Ridge to-day for the purpose of drawing for places. The entry list is to close at noon today, and immediately afterward the drawing will take place. Such stars as Maurice E. McLoughlin, Thomas C. Bundy, Gus

Touchard, Nathaniel W. Niles, Raymond D. Little, Kari H. Behr and Walter Merrill shall have entered the tournament.

President R. Alexander, the former international tennis player, has offered the singles cup which will be decided upon the courts of the Merrimon Tennis Club at Merrimon Park, St. Louis, Mo., for the benefit of the American Tennis Association, and this year it is to be held at the National Park, St. Louis, Mo., on Aug. 17, inclusive. There will also be doubles and a singles consolation.

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Eddie King vs. Frankie Moran, Billie Gibson vs. Kid Gleason, Eddie Morris, Tom McLean, Brown A. A. Saturday night.

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Parker McFarland, who has recovered from his ailment which prevented him from meeting Young, the good westward fighter of Philadelphia, in a six-round bout the big Olympia, A. C. of Philadelphia several weeks ago, notified the officials of the Olympia that he intended to go ahead with his match with McFarland and Edwards. As soon as McFarland's fighters to battle on Friday evening, Aug. 17.

Billy Glavin is now trying to bring about a match between himself and Eddie King, the Boston heavyweight, and Jack Denning, the popular boxer, has wired Tom Andrews, the manager of the Olympia, to meet Glavin on Friday evening, Aug. 17.

The Olympia Olympic Celebration Committee has been established in its office in the Olympia Building, and an application for a permit to hold a boxing match has been made to the homecoming authorities who are due to arrive on Aug. 20.

Glavin, who has been training in Atlantic City, N. J., will be present on Aug. 17, and Glavin's manager, Eddie Edwards, will be present on Aug. 18, and the two fighters will be represented in the race.

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